

Remarks

This amendment responds to the office action dated March 11, 2005. In the office action, the examiner rejected claims 5, 6 and 7 and suggested that the applicant use Markush claim language. Applicant has amended claims 5, 6 and 7 and has added the phrases "selected from the group comprising" to claims 5 and 7 and "a material selected from the group comprising" to claim 6. Applicant has also added antecedent basis for "surfactant" to claim 7.

The examiner also objected to the drawings because the drawings did not show a "terminal end hook" per claim 9. Claim 9 has been amended to provide that the terminal end and the slot gathers the analyte. Therefore the "terminal hook end" is no longer recited in the claims.

Applicant submits herewith formal drawings for this case.

The examiner approved the patentability of claims 1 - 4 and 8 - 10 and indicated that claims 5 - 7 would be allowable if the 112 rejection was overcome. Since applicant has amended claims 5 - 7, this case should be allowed.

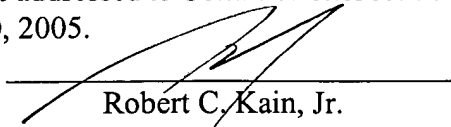
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